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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the following information is brought to the Examiner's attention.

U.S. Patent No. 6,184,637.

The following seven documents were cited in a Search Report recently issued by the European Patent Office in connection with a corresponding foreign application. A copy of the Search Report is enclosed.

U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003-011093.

U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001-003810.

European Patent Publication No. 0 716 948.

U.S. Patent No. 6,349,789.

German Patentschrift No. 39 22 528.

European Patent Publication No. 0 470 700.

European Patent Publication No. 0 323 066.

To assist the Examiner in entering the foregoing information into the record,
the above-noted documents are cited on the attached form PTO-1449.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed, except that copies of the listed U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications are not enclosed since it is no longer required according to the July 11, 2003 waiver of the requirement for copies of cited U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications in national patent applications filed after June 30, 2003.

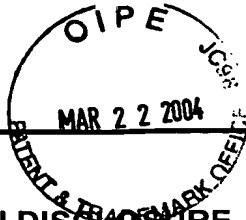
The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the foregoing information and to acknowledge such consideration by initialling, signing and returning the enclosed additional copy of form PTO-1449.

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